



Woodlawn High School

CLASS OF 2025!

Graduation and Beyond!!



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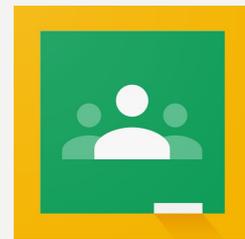
This is an exciting time. Congratulations on making it this far!!

STUDENT SERVICES ON INSTAGRAM AND GOOGLE CLASSROOM

- Follow us on Instagram: [**whs_studentservices**](#)
- Google Classroom: all grade 12 students were invited to the Classroom. Please let your counsellor know if you think you did not get the information email from us or the classroom invitation, or use the code below to join:



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It's okay to be nervous or unsure

- Ask questions- this is all new!
- Work on getting more comfortable with being uncomfortable
- Talk to others who can help
- Make decisions that you think are right for you- not for your friends, parents, etc.
- It's "normal" to not have it all figured out, and changing gears is okay

CREDIT CHECK AND GRAD LIST

- The school counsellors will check each student's graduation status, but it remains the responsibility of you and your parents/guardians to ensure that all graduation requirements are met.
- The **Potential Grad List** is the list of all grade 12 students who are on track to graduate in June 2025. It will be posted at the end of February. The list posted the day before graduation is the actual **Graduation List**.
- The Potential Grad List is meant to show students what the school has on record as their full legal name in order to prepare graduation diplomas. The diploma must be the **full legal name**.
- Full IB students need to meet IB requirements, and so the PSP requirements do not apply

Sample Credit Check

Don't use MyBlueprint to check your credits!

Woodlawn High
Student Services

Graduation Application & Credit Check

For students who started
grade 10 in 2017-18 or later

DOB: _____ HR: _____

**Total Earned
Credits: 15.0**

20-21				
BIOLOGY 11	11	71	71	1.00
CANADIAN HISTORY 11	11	74	74	1.00
ENGLISH 10	10	74	74	1.00
MATHEMATICS 10	10	63	63	2.00
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10	10	78	78	1.00
SCIENCE 10	10	78	78	1.00
VISUAL ARTS 10	10	77	57	1.00
21-22				
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY 12	12	64	64	1.00
DESIGN 11	11	67	67	1.00
ENGLISH 11	11	83	83	1.00
FOOD STUDIES_HOSPITALITY 12	12	64	64	1.00
GLOBAL GEOGRAPHY 12	12	80	80	1.00
EXTENDED MATHEMATICS 11	11	80	50	2.00

22-23 Woodlawn High				
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT 12ACADEMIC	12		82	
CO OPERATIVE EDUCATION 12	12		71	/IP
ENGLISH 12	12		79	
ENTREPRENEURSHIP 12	12		68	
MATHEMATICS 12	12		73	/IP
SOCIOLOGY 12 ACADEMIC	12		81	/IP

For Office Use Only

English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Math	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Fine Art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Can.Stud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Global	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tech/Math/Sci		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Total Potential Credits: _____

No more than 7 Gr.10 Credits? _____

Has 5 Gr.12 Courses?: _____

Total Potential Credits Verified by

Date: _____

PLANNING FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

- Check out “myBlueprint”



- Access it through your gnspe launch page
- Use your “gnspe.ca” username information to set up an account and explore the site. The site can be used to explore and compare occupations, university/college programs across Canada and more!
- MyNSFuture.ca also has lots of great career exploration tools and information



WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

- Go directly to work
- Gap year experience- travel, work, volunteer
- Apprenticeship (formal on-the-job training program for “Red Seal Trades”) Visit <https://nsapprenticeship.ca> for information
- Community College (NSCC in Nova Scotia)
- Military Training and Employment
- Private Career College: Business, Cosmetology, Computer, Services etc.
- University – public, private (US), religious

WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU NEED?

- Find programs & occupations that match your skills & interests
- Research institutions that offer the training/study programs
- Make sure you have the high school course requirements and grades necessary to apply for the programs.
Remember that these can vary among institutions
- Consider which institutions are a good fit (e.g. location, online or in-person, environment, stay at home or residence, length of program, cost- including textbooks, travel etc.)

FINDING POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

- *Go on-line to the institutions' websites*
- Look at the [School Counselling & Student Services](#) links to Post-Secondary info on our school website
- Many institutions' printed brochures and calendars are available from the institution. Email or call to request these, or check Student Services
- Call the Admissions Office of the institution- they're glad to help
- Attend presentations by visiting institutions that take place at Woodlawn High School, including the AARAO fair Oct. 7
- Attend Open Houses at the institutions: virtual or in-person
- Take part in webinars offered by various institutions
- Visit your School Counsellor
- Check out [MyNSFuture](#) and Use myBlueprint through your gnspe Launch Page

MEETING REQUIREMENTS

Here are some of the types of requirements for different kinds of work/study:

- Training programs, degrees, diplomas, certification, etc. (e.g. paramedicine, welding, pharmacy)
- Completion of an assessment (e.g. CASPer for nursing/medical school, aptitude test for Halifax Regional Police) as part of the admissions process
- Completion of an undergraduate university degree before applying (e.g. Education, Law)
- A license or permit showing that you have met the industry's standards, usually requiring training or an exam (e.g. cosmetology, realtor)
- Recommended specific training that may be helpful in getting hired, but isn't required (e.g. firefighter)
- Relevant work/life experience
- Networking can be very helpful!

Sample Transcript



In Progress Transcript Report

Woodlawn High

School Address: 31 Woodlawn Rd
Dartmouth NS B2W 2R7

Halifax Regional Centre for Education

Phone: 902-435-8452

Fax: 902-435-8398

Year	Course Title	Grade Level	Final Grade	Credit Type	Credit	Status	Lang
23-24	CO_OPERATIVE EDUCATION 12	12	87	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENG
23-24	ENGLISH 11	11	81	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENG
23-24	EXTENDED MATHEMATICS 11	11	70	ACAD	2.00	PSP	ENG
23-24	GLOBAL HISTORY 12	12	79	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENG
23-24	OCEANS 11	11	75	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENG
23-24	PHYSICAL EDUCATION 11	11	91	OPEN	1.00	PSP	ENG
22-23	DRAMA 10	10	76	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENG
22-23	ENGLISH 10	10	75	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENG
22-23	FOOD FOR HEALTHY LIVING 10	10	71	OPEN	0.50	PSP	ENG
22-23	FOOD PREPARATION_SERVICE 10	10	71	OPEN	0.50	PSP	ENG
22-23	MATHEMATICS 10	10	65	ACAD	2.00	PSP	ENG
22-23	MI'KMAW STUDIES 11	11	75	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENG
22-23	PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10	10	92	OPEN	1.00	PSP	ENG
22-23	SCIENCE 10	10	71	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENG
Current Courses							
S1	CO_OPERATIVE EDUCATION 12 TWO	12	IP	ACAD			
S1	LAW 12	12	IP	ACAD			
S1	MATHEMATICS 12	12	IP	ACAD			
S2	ENGLISH 12	12	IP	ACAD			
S2	HUMAN BIOLOGY 11	11	IP	GRAD			
S2	PHILOSOPHY 12	12	IP	ACAD			

REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts are a record of all your passing high school courses & grades

- If post-secondary institutions in NS are now part of the MyTranscripts system. This provides these institutions in with transcripts for students, using their 10 digit student identification number. For more info, visit the MyNSFuture-MyTranscripts: <https://www.mynsfuture.ca/mytranscripts>.
- If applying outside of NS, request a transcript in Student Services. Students are responsible for mailing transcripts to the post-secondary institutions, or ensuring they are emailed from WHS.
- Note that transcripts cannot be emailed directly to students.
- Students can request up to 3 transcripts at a time.
- Full IB students should request PSP and IB transcripts
- In your graduation package, there will be three official/sealed transcripts, one of which must be sent to the post-secondary institution the student will attend in the fall.
- After graduation year, there is a \$5.00 fee for transcripts.

Entrance Requirements for Post-Secondary Study cont'd.

- Check the Student Services “Post Secondary” link for details about many of the schools our students commonly consider
- **All institutions have their own set of entrance requirements** that student need to meet for admission. It is your responsibility to check these for the schools & programs you're interested in. We can help. They may be looking for a specific average (we don't calculate these) and/or specific courses (e.g. Pre-Calculus).
- If applying outside of the Atlantic Province (i.e Ontario or West of Canada) the universities have set requirements that may not align with Atlantic Canada. For example, some courses do not count for admissions in Ontario but will count in N.S.
- [Admission Requirements for Non-Atlantic schools](#)

Entrance Requirements for Post-Secondary Study

- As a **general rule**, schools will look at your top 5 grade 12 academic-level courses for admission. Not all schools accept the same courses (e.g. Co-Op).
- Some institutions require only high school graduation.
- Meeting minimum entrance requirements does not mean you'll get in. Some programs are more competitive than others
- Some programs are also wait-listed

UNIVERSITY

Bachelor's Degree: Also known as an “undergraduate degree”; typically completed in 3 or 4 years of full-time study. Here are a few common ones:

- **Bachelor of Arts (BA):** may major in history, philosophy, political science, English, international development, psychology, criminology, etc.
- **Bachelor of Science (BSc):** chemistry, biology, math, geology, etc.
- **Bachelor of Commerce (B.Comm):** accounting, economics, marketing, etc. May sometimes be referred to as a Business degree.
- **Bachelor of Engineering (B. Eng):** civil, electrical, mechanical, etc.

Students usually select a **major** and **minor**, typically in their 2nd year of study.

- **Bachelor of Social Work**

NSCC AND MORE

- NSCC and other institutions offer training programs of different lengths (generally ranging from 19 weeks to 2.5 years). When finished, students may receive a
 - Diploma
 - Advanced diploma
 - Certificate
 - Graduate certificate
- You may also be able to combine college programs with degree-granting programs .A two-year NSCC diploma may be recognized for up to two years of a four-year university degree. e.g. Complete the Social Services program at NSCC and use it towards a Bachelor of Arts at Acadia

ACADEMIC UPGRADING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- After graduation, there are opportunities to
 - upgrade your marks
 - pick up required high school or university credits
 - get a headstart in earning program credits
 - improve your English or build other skills
 - study with an Afrocentric or Indigenous focus
 - prepare for formal assessments like GMAT

These opportunities are offered through NSCC, Dalhousie Transition Year program, Saint Mary's UPrep program and other institutions

- Most are not free, but funding help may be available
- It may also be possible to get/upgrade some high school credits as a WHS returning grad, but this depends on space & course availability. NSIOL may be an option for this.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Post-secondary applications are made online.
- Many institutions within the Atlantic provinces have a March 2025 deadline to be considered for Entrance Scholarships based on marks. Please note there are universities with deadlines in mid January for limited-entry programs.
- Applying for early admission can be a good idea if you have some grade 12-level courses from last year, and if your marks are strong. Otherwise, waiting for your mid-term marks in November may be a better plan
- Outside the Atlantic provinces, the dates vary- usually earlier than above. It is the student's responsibility to check with the school of their choice.
- Ontario has one central application centre ([OUAC](#)) for all of their post-secondary institutions
- NSCC –Apply NOW!

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION- FOLLOWING GRADUATION

- In all cases, final marks must be sent to the institution following graduation in June.
- It is your responsibility to deliver the final transcript to the institution.
- You will pick your actual courses and schedules in the spring or summer before the fall semester begins; this is done online or at the institution.

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & BURSARIES

- Money is available, but requires research & work! Check out MyNSFuture.ca for more information.
- Any scholarship opportunities that WHS is made aware of are posted to the Google classroom, listed on the school's website (under "Our School"), posted to Instagram bulletin boards around the school
- Awards are often based on a student's academic achievements, as well as school and community involvement.
- There are also monetary awards/bursaries based on financial need, leadership, volunteerism, family situation, etc.
- Award types include:
 - Entrance scholarships and Renewable scholarships given by the institution
 - Sports scholarships (usually not initiated by students)
 - Community/corporate scholarships and bursaries
 - WHS-specific awards (an online application in the spring)
- Taking a gap year may be the right thing for you. However, many scholarships are not "deferrable", and so you need to be prepared for that

IMPORTANT DATES

- Some private institutions accept applications on a first-come, first-served basis
- Some have no specific application deadlines (e.g. Atlantic Flight Attendant Academy, Medavie Health Ed. paramedicine training)
- NSCC- They have many programs starting in January and September, and spots fill up, so applying in the fall, after mid-term marks are out, is advisable. Some programs are waitlisted, and so you may not get in right away. Local Universities: by first of March for entrance scholarships (University or specific program deadlines may vary)
- Nova Scotia Student Assistance (Student Loans) Applications for September 2025 will be available online May 2025

Key Points to Remember

- Have conversations with your support systems and or your school counsellor regarding your plans for next year if you are unsure.
- Do your research, this includes specific requirements for different programs.
- If applying for university, double check...do you have 5 grade 12 courses that meet the application requirements for your program of choice. ***This is very important if applying for schools in Ontario.***
- If applying for scholarships, make sure you have the following....
 - Transcripts (get them from student services - Mrs. Roberts).
 - Reference letters (teacher or community)
 - Letter of Intent (some scholarships will ask for this, having a general one helps the application process.
- Keep up to date with google classroom, the announcements and school visits and guests.
- Remember we are here to help!

THANK YOU

We will host another session in the spring to help with post-secondary course selections, student loans and more

QUESTIONS?

PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH

MS. WILLIAMS (A-K)

OR

MS. DEMPSTER (L-Z)